



Rev. Teresa Peterson, Pastor

Flushing Presbyterian Church



HOLY WEEK

From Palm Sunday to Easter, the church remembers the joy, sacrifice, suffering, death and resurrection of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

It's a special time in the life of the church.

Mark your calendar and plan to make the journey together.

Palm Sunday

Sunday, April 13 – 10:30 AM, Sanctuary
Special Celebration of Jesus entering Jerusalem,
including the cantata *"The Weeping Tree"*

Maundy Thursday

Thursday, April 17 – 7:00 PM, Fellowship Hall
(Followed by Prayer Vigil at 8:00 PM through 11:00 AM on Good Friday)

Good Friday

Friday, April 18 – 1:00 PM, Trinity United Presbyterian Church
A joint Community Service remembering the suffering and
death of Jesus on the cross

Easter Morning

Sunday, April 20
8:30 AM – Early Celebration, Memorial Garden
9:00 AM – Easter Breakfast, Fellowship Hall
9:30 AM – Easter Egg Hunt
10:30 AM – Easter Worship, Sanctuary



Lenten Bible Study



The Lenten video study of Jesus' final words of the cross has two more sessions: Week 5 - "I thirst" and week 6 - "It is finished....." Even if you have not been able to attend other sessions, you are invited to come learn and participate in discussion around these final words. Each week we seem to learn something new. The hour long study begins at 6:00 PM. Dessert follows.

Sermon Series



From Dark
to Sight

Pastor Teresa will continue the Sermon Series, *From Dark to Sight*, through Easter. If you have missed some of the series, you can find the sermons on the church website or on a CD in the narthex. Read Luke 24:13-35 to become familiar with the story of the two disciples who begin a seven mile journey in sorrow and darkness and end with new revelations and hope.

A special thanks to Shirley Baker for the mural and all those who helped to hang it (our unsung heroes!)



Have you checked out the Prayer Stations? Sandy Tucker and Carrie Younkin have done an amazing job providing us with an opportunity to reflect on the Psalms. This Lenten season we have been invited to "Walk with Jesus Through the Psalms." Each week a new Prayer Station is added. It's not too late to....

Explore, Meditate, and Walk with Jesus



Maundy Thursday Service April 17th 7:00 PM "Washing Feet and Breaking Bread"

Maundy Thursday ("Maundy" meaning "Mandate" or "command") remembers the time Jesus spent with his disciples in the upper room.

This year's service will focus on gathering as the disciples would have to prepare to celebrate Passover. We will be led in Word and song, plus use *The Bible* miniseries to help us visualize Jesus washing the disciples feet. For those who wish to participate, we will be offering the opportunity to participate in the example Jesus provided as a servant, washing the disciples feet and then giving new meaning to Passover.

Come explore this familiar story in a new way. Deepen your sense of community and relationships with others in this evening of remembrance.



Prayer Vigil

From the end of the Maundy Thursday service until 11:00 AM on Good Friday, members and friends of Flushing Presbyterian Church are asked to participate in a prayer vigil. This vigil is based on Mark 14:32-43, which recounts the story of Jesus going to Gethsemane to pray.

The prayer vigil is a time of personal meditation, prayer and scripture reading. The vigil is divided into half-hour segments. People of the congregation are asked to fill these segments so that at least one person is present in the sanctuary praying, reading and/or meditating during the hours Christ asked his disciples to stay awake and watch.

The segments begin at 8:00 PM on Thursday, April 17th, and end at 11:00 AM on Friday, April 18th. A signup sheet is on the bulletin board. You may take more than one segment. Prayerfully consider participating in this meaningful time of watching, waiting, and praying.



Simply Give
Bless our Flushing Christian Outreach Center!

March 30 - May 18, Meijer will match your donation dollar for dollar.
If you give \$20, Meijer gives \$20 and FCOC receives \$40!
On April 11 & 12 Meijer will match \$2 for every \$1 donated!
If you give \$20, Meijer gives \$40 and FCOC receives \$60!
Participate at the PIERSON RD Meijer Store only to bless FCOC!

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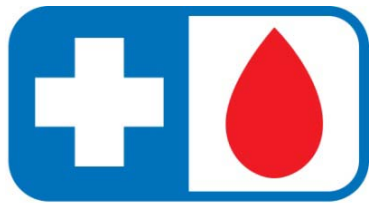
Another way to support the Flushing Christian Outreach Center (FCOC)...During the month of April, all funds donated to the FCOC will be increased in value by 10% through the Food Bank's Feinstein Match Program. If you would like to participate, please make your check payable to Flushing Presbyterian Church and indicate "FCOC" on the memo line. We will need to have all donations by April 20th in order to make sure that the contributions get to the FCOC in time to receive this matching amount.



LIFT

Ladies In Fellowship Together

LIFT will be going to tour the Leader Dog for the Blind facility in Rochester Hills on **Sunday, April 6th**. We will be leaving right after the worship service, with our tour scheduled for 1:00 PM. There are still a few open spots on the sign-up sheet if you would like to attend. There is no charge for the tour. We will be car pooling to the event, and will be asking for donations to help cover the cost of gas. Please contact Darla Arn with any questions you may have. If you would like to check out the website, go to leaderdog.org.



GIVE
Blood

We will be holding a **Blood Drive on Monday, April 7th**, from 12:00 - 5:45 PM. To schedule an appointment, log onto redcrossblood.org, sponsor code: Flushing Community or call 1-800-Red-Cross (1-800-733-2767).



The **Spiritual Growth Team** is asking for donations of individually wrapped candy for the Easter Egg Hunt on Easter morning. If you can help, please bring your bags of wrapped candy to the church by **April 13th** and place them in the basket provided in the narthex. Please help us with this much loved event for the children of our congregation!!



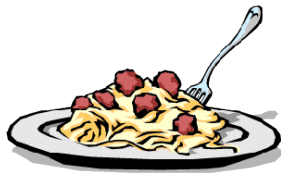
Flushing Presbyterian Church presents “*Capisce?*”, a ‘30s style detective movie dinner theater spoof being held on **Saturday, April 26th at 6:00 PM**. Join us for this fun event that takes place back in time in the Moretti Family Italian Restaurant. Dinner and show cost is \$8.00 per person. Seating is limited to 88, and those spots are beginning to fill up. Be sure to get signed up if you would like to attend. The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the narthex.



Relay For Life Spaghetti Dinner

Saturday, May 3rd, 2013, 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM
Held at The Masonic Temple on Seymour Road

Dinner will consist of Spaghetti with Marinara sauce, Green Beans, Salad, Garlic Bread and Dessert. There also will be coffee, milk and water.



Suggested Donation:
Adults - \$10.00
Children 5-12 - \$5.00
Children 4 and under - Free
(Sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board)



Come join us for a night of food, fellowship and laughter.

Profits from the dinner will go towards the
American Cancer Society's Relay for Life



**Thursday, May 22nd –
Saturday, May 24th**

Our Annual Rummage Sale will be held on May 22, 23 & 24. Start setting aside items to donate for the sale as you clean and plan for spring. Donations can be delivered to the church during the following times: Sunday, May 18th from immediately following the worship service until 1:00 PM; Monday, May 19th and Tuesday, May 20th, from 9:00 AM - 7:00 PM; Wednesday, May 21st from 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM. In order to have time to get the items marked and sorted, NO donations after 5:00 PM on Wednesday unless pre-approved by the Rummage Sale Leaders. Contact Carole Tucker with any questions, to request delivery assistance or other needs.



During the rummage sale, we would also like to include a Bake Sale this year. If you would like to donate baked goods to the sale, they can be delivered to the church on Thursday, Friday, or Saturday morning (May 22, 23, 24). Please address questions to Kathy Miller.



For the Children...

I'm sure you are no stranger to the conflict in Syria. Or to the fact children are the most vulnerable in any kind of man-made or natural disaster. Through *One Great Hour of Sharing*, you can help them. As more families flee the violence, the Zaatari refugee camp grows. It's already the second largest refugee camp in the world where **more than 3 in 5 refugees are children**. Their futures are slipping away. You can help change that. By donating to *One Great Hour of Sharing*, you can help our Presbyterian partners provide hygiene kits, bedding, support to health workers, provision of psychosocial counselors, and support for students to continue their education. Please consider making a donation to *One Great Hour of Sharing* by using the special envelope that is included with your offering envelopes, or by simply indicating "OGHS" on the memo line of your check.

"Hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts." (Romans 5:5)



The Promise of Easter

Saturday of Holy Week is a strange day for the church. It's sandwiched between Good Friday, when Jesus died on the cross, and Easter, when he rose.

Certainly, we know the truth and triumph of the resurrection, but until Jesus comes again, we're living in Saturday. The Lamb of God has been sacrificed, and the curtain of sin that separated us from God has been torn down. Yet we're still looking forward to — as Jesus said — the renewal of all things.


Although we may be battered and bruised, stumbling, limping or crawling, we shouldn't wallow in defeat. Instead, we can be confident in the victory Jesus won for us. We can shout with Paul, "Thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ" (1 Corinthians 15:57, NRSV).

While you look back to Friday and forward to Sunday, live victoriously in Saturday. Jesus has won and has run the victory lap ... and he's coming around again.

From the Newsletternewsletter

Hurry Spring!!!





*This
Month's
Schedule*

April 6

Communion Preparers: Shirley Sanborn
Communion Servers: Gary & Shirley Albert, Darla Arn, Dona Ballrd
Coffee Hour Hosts:
Flowers: Ernie Thrapp
Sound Board Operator: Brett Albert
Ushers: Dan & Flora Radspieler, Roy Rhoads, Michael R
Lay Leader: Mike Keeler
Acolytes: Marie S
Acolyte Leader: Elyse S

April 13

Coffee Hour Hosts:
Flowers:
Sound Board Operator: Scott Tucker
Ushers: Dennis Sanborn, Bill Weiss, Laura Widman, Mary Ellen Zellers
Lay Leader: Bella B
Acolytes: Marie S, Sydney S
Acolyte Leader: Paige A

April 20

Coffee Hour Hosts:
Flowers:
Sound Board Operator: Randy Socha
Ushers: Brett Albert, Paige A, Sandy & Scott Tucker
Lay Leader: Laura Widman
Acolytes: Lilly & Max S
Acolyte Leader:

April 27

Coffee Hour Hosts: The Blanton Family
Flowers:
Sound Board Operator: Scott Tucker
Ushers: Gary & Shirley Albert, Darla Arn, Dona Ballard
Lay Leader: Carole Tucker
Acolytes: Elle B, Kaitlyn R
Acolyte Leader: Bella B



April

- 3 John Miller, Mavis Stephenson, Katelyn W
- 6 Vern Shepherd
- 7 Ching Yu Hou, Grace J, Bruce & Deborah Coxworth
- 8 Bill & Denise Churchill
- 12 Helene Hundshamer
- 13 Logan W, Kelly & Tim Stein
- 16 Valerie Allred
- 17 David Graham, Kelsey H
- 18 Gary Albert
- 25 Rose Jackson, Jacob S, Marie S, Darla & Bill Arn, Jeff & Sue Gauger
- 27 Paige A, Dick Barnett, Linda Gross
- 28 Arlene Ewing
- 29 Frances Hollenbeck



From the Pratt and Blair Families...

Thank You for:

The thoughtful service and the wonderful luncheon. It was good to have time to remember Pat with family and friends.

Your many cards & notes of comfort that spoke of her kindness, her cheerful willingness to do the work of the church, her sense of humor, and much more.

We know Pat would also want to thank all of you. She found much joy and satisfaction here with her FPC family.



Financial Highlights

Average 2014 Collections	\$2,950
Average February Collections	\$2,928
Average 2013 Collections	\$3,396
Average needed for Budget	\$3,776

Lectioary Readings

April 6: Ezek. 37:1-14; Ps. 130; Rom. 8:6-1; John 11:1-45

April 13 (Palm Sunday): *Palms:* Matt. 21:1-11; Ps. 118:1-2, 19-29; *Passion:* Isa. 50:4-9a; Ps. 31:9-16; Phil. 2:5-11; Matt. 26:14 - 27:66 *or* Matt. 27:11-54

April 20 (Easter): Acts 10:34-43 *or* Jer. 31:1-6; Ps. 118:1-2, 14-24; Col. 3:1-4 *or* Acts 10:34-43; John 20:1-18 *or* Matt. 28:1-10 Easter Evening: Isa. 25:6-9; Ps. 114; 1 Cor. 5:6b-8; Luke 24:13-49

April 27: Acts 2:14a, 22-32; Ps. 16; 1 Peter 1:3-9; John 20:19-31



The email address for the church office is flushingpc@sbcglobal.net

If you would like to send an email directly to Pastor Teresa Peterson, her email address is: pastorT90@gmail.com



From The Flushing Christian Outreach Center (FCOC) ...

During the month of February, the FCOC served 438 clients, which equates to 166 households. This number also includes 31 new clients.

We would like to thank you for our monthly donations. You have done a GREAT job fulfilling our need of toothpaste and deodorant for the last couple of months, and we really appreciate it. Our April item is toothbrushes. Thanks in advance for your continued help.

Terri Szukhent

Chairperson of Faith Network, FCOC



Easter Flowers



Each Easter, our sanctuary is decorated with beautiful flowers. You may participate in this endeavor by indicating your willingness to donate (a) plant(s)!! The cost this year is \$13.00 per plant. Please complete this form, enclose your check for \$13.00 per plant, make any memorial or honoraria inscriptions you desire, and place either in the offering plate or return to the church office by **Sunday, April 6.**

In **HONOR** of _____

Relationship (if any) _____

In **MEMORY** of _____

Relationship (if any) _____

I would like _____ lilies.

I would like _____ tulips.

Your Name _____ Phone Number _____



ONGOING EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES



Book & Breakfast Club meets at 9:30 AM on the first Friday of the month at Liberty Restaurant on Pierson Road. All are welcome!



CD copies of our worship services are available to those who are unable to attend worship on Sunday. Please contact the church office. You can also listen to the sermon on our website, flushingpres.org.

Card Ministry



Card Ministry...Sympathy, Get Well, Thinking of You and blank note cards are collected for our ongoing card ministry. Please deliver cards to the church office.



FCOC (Flushing Christian Outreach Center)
One of the ways we support the Outreach Center is by collecting food and personal care items. The collection basket is located by the kitchen door.



LIFT (Ladies In Fellowship Together) is a group that meets for fellowship among all ladies of the church. Trips are planned for all ages to enjoy.



MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Men's Fellowship/Bible Study...This group meets for breakfast and study at 8:30 AM on Thursdays at Liberty Restaurant on Pierson Road. (September through May) All men are welcome.



Music Opportunities...The **Chancel Choir** (Vocal choir) has rehearsals at 7:00 PM on Thursdays and the **Handbell Choir** rehearses at 7:00 PM on Tuesdays (September through May). Please contact Marilyn Schmoak for information on these choirs.



The Noisy Offering

The Noisy Offering is collected by the children of the congregation on the second Sunday of each month. This offering is part of "Two Coins a Meal" that funds hunger programs.



Pioneer Kids ... Our new after-school Program for K-7th graders offers a proven kid's ministry program that is Bible-based, Christ-centered, relationship-focused and fun for kids and volunteers. There is no charge for this program. Vest and patch rewards are given as they learn about Jesus, being Christian and working with others. Pioneer Kids meets on Wednesday afternoons at 3:45 during the school year.



The Priscilla Circle meets at the church at 9:30 AM on the fourth Thursday of each month for fellowship and study. All women are invited to attend.



The Perpetual Book Sale...Gently used books can be donated for this sale. Proceeds will be given to local missions. Refer questions to Carol Dulin or the church office.



Prayer Shawl Ministry

The Prayer Shawl Group meets in the church library at 9:30 AM on the second Thursday of each month. Contact Bev Blair with any questions, or if you would like instructions.



Ronald McDonald House

Aluminum tabs from beverage containers are collected and donated to the *Ronald McDonald House* in Ann Arbor to help support families who stay there while their children are hospitalized at the Children's Hospital.



Opportunities To Serve

Session Teams...All members are invited to serve as "at-large" members on our Session Teams: Spiritual Growth, Community Outreach, Member Care, Property and Budget & Finance. The church office can put you in contact with the team chairperson.



Soup Kitchen...Volunteers work at the North End Soup Kitchen in Flint on the second Tuesday of each month, from 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM. Contact Mary Ellen Zellers with any questions.



VG's "Cash for Class" A program that will allow participants to raise money for our church. This program will be tied to their "Yes" card and requires that you link your card to Flushing Presbyterian Church. If you shop at VG's and would like more information, please contact Carole Tucker or the church office.



Youth Group (The "Believers") is for teens in grades 7 through 12. They meet at 6:00 PM on Sundays for fun, fellowship, study and mission projects. Contact Sandy or Scott Tucker.

Please address questions to the contact person listed or call the church office at 659-5831



Housing Homeless Families in Situational Crisis

Flushing Presbyterian Church has joined with 13 Host plus 13 Support Churches to provide housing and support for homeless families of Genesee County. A Director is currently interviewing families and processing their applications into this screened program. A Day Center - where guests shower, do their laundry, write resumes, job and house search - is open and transportation has been arranged.

WHAT'S NEXT?

Getting ready to host up to 14 people in our church—providing food and overnight accommodations.

TRAINING FOR VOLUNTEERS

Date: April 22nd, 6-8:00PM, Flushing United Methodist Church

Volunteers who are in contact with guests are **HIGHLY ENCOURAGED** to participate in this training. It will help you to be even more sensitive and caring to our guests plus go over some do's and don'ts. Others who would like to participate are also invited and encouraged to attend.



WHEN'S OUR HOST DATE?

May 11th - May 18th

Beds Arrive: Sunday Afternoon
Guests Arrive: Late Afternoon
Dinner Served: 6:00 pm

A Daily Schedule will be posted.

WAYS TO SUPPORT THIS MISSION

Volunteers are key! From shoppers to meal prep and everything in-between—you can help! (Did we mention we need a Prayer Team?) The preliminary sign up sheets are ready. You will be contacted if you signed up (remember the yellow sheets from more than a year ago?) so you can verify how you wish to help.

Didn't sign up? Don't worry!! You still have time to help fill in the blanks. Sign up sheets will be available beginning Sunday, April 6th. Thank you, in advance, for your support!

'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?' Then Jesus will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these, you did it to me.'

— Matthew 25:44-45



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 7:00 PM - Handbell Choir	2 3:45 PM - Pioneer Kids 6:30 PM - NCCG	3 8:30 AM - Men's Bible Study-Liberty Restaurant 7:15 PM - Cantata Rehearsal	4 9:30 AM - Book & Breakfast Club - Liberty Restaurant	5 8:00 AM - NCCG
6 Communion 11:45 AM - LIFT - Leader Dog Tour 5:00 PM - NCCG 6:00 PM - Lenten Study 6:00 PM - Youth Group	7 12:00 PM - Blood Drive 6:30 PM - Spiritual Growth	8 9:00 AM - North End Soup Kitchen 7:00 PM - Handbell Choir	9 6:30PM - Property 6:30 PM - NCCG	10 8:30 AM - Men's Bible Study-Liberty Restaurant 9:30 AM - Prayer Shawl 7:15 PM - Cantata Rehearsal	11	12
13 Palm Sunday Noisy Offering 4:00 PM - Confirmation Class 5:00 PM - NCCG 6:00 PM - Lenten Study 6:00 PM - Youth Group	14 5:30 PM - B & F 6:30 PM - Community Outreach 6:30 PM - Girl Scouts 6:30 PM - Member Care	15 7:00 PM - Handbell Choir	16 6:30 PM - NCCG	17 Maundy Thursday 8:30 AM - Men's Bible Study-Liberty Restaurant 7:00 PM - Maundy Thursday Service	18 Good Friday 1:00 PM - Good Friday Worship Service, Trinity Presbyterian Church	19
20 Easter Sunday 8:30 AM - Early Celebration 9:00 AM - Breakfast 9:30 AM - Egg Hunt 10:30 AM - Easter Worship 5:00 PM - NCCG	21 Newsletter Deadline	22 7:00 PM - GFWC - Flushing Women's Club 7:00 PM - Handbell Choir	23 6:30 PM - NCCG	24 8:30 AM - Men's Bible Study-Liberty Restaurant 9:30 AM - Priscilla Circle 7:00 PM - Chancel Choir	25	26 6:00 PM - Mystery Dinner Theater
27 4:00 PM - Confirmation Class 5:00 PM - NCCG 6:00 PM - Youth Group	28 6:45 PM - Session	29 7:00 PM - Handbell Choir	30 6:30 PM - NCCG	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> Sunday Schedule 9:30 AM - Christian Education (All Ages) 10:30 AM - Worship Service 11:30 AM - Fellowship Hour </div>		